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Students compete in stock market challenge

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Staff Writer

On April 6 O'Gorman business class students participated in a stock market challenge put on by Junior Achievement at the convention center. O'Gorman took the top two spots at the challenge.

Students were able to invest \$1,000,000 in faux stocks that fluctuate in value, similar to actual stocks and their performances in the stock market.

Tensions were high with limited resources being given to students, and teamwork was crucial with the time limits for each round.

O'Gorman sent seven teams of students to participate, in an event in which a total of 20 teams from Sioux Falls and the surrounding areas competed in.

O'Gorman teams made up some of the top finishers, with the "Dream Team" consisting of

team members Jenna Huemoeller, Camryn Rustan, Bailey Severson and Hope Simon finishing first. O'Gorman also came in second with the team of Morgan Roman, Katelyn Smith, Lizzie Soukup and Madison Walker forming "Four Broke Girls."

"It was an exciting event for the students and allowed them to gain an understanding of the fundamentals of the stock market, as well as to acknowledge the risks and rewards of trading," said business teacher Jane Bradfield. "This was an exciting and educational activity for the students."

"It gave me a chance to see what the stock market was and it gave me an interest in the field and it made me realize what the stock market was about," said Soukup. "Before going into this, I wouldn't have thought about going into a job dealing with the stock market, but now I have some interest in learning more."



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Katelyn Smith, Morgan Roman, Lizzie Soukup and Madison Walker take part in the Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge. Their team, Four Broke Girls, earned second place.

Jazz students enjoy bonds forged by making music

Rebecca Clark
Staff Writer

Jazz Band Students prepare for Jazz festivals and all state by playing different rhythms and scales for the certain songs they perform.

Jazz Band is different from concert, brass, and pep band. "You get to play in a different style apart from regular band that gets you to express yourself through music," said sophomore Sally Lokolong. "The music is much more soulful and has a much more 'in the moment' type of structure. When you play the

music, there's no possible way that you can't be moved. It's an art form like no other."

A strength of the jazz band is a great bond between students. "We're able to talk and laugh through anything and that makes it much easier for our group to have a lot more creativity and collaboration in the music making process. If you're confident in the people around you, you're definitely confident in playing music with them too," said Lokolong. According to Lokolong having a good ear and being able to understand all aspects of the music are good

strengths to have individually.

Jazz has become some of the students' favorite music. "I enjoy jazz band because it is my favorite music," said Junior Andrew Gerwer.

Lokolong even gave some advice for individuals interested in jazz band: "Listen to some jazz music. Once you're done... repeat."

The Jazz Band is hard at work to do their best at the festivals and all-state. Jazz Band 1 and 2 practice in the mornings and combo Jazz is over the lunch hour.

Knights begin year with trip to Vegas, city rival matchups

David Berman
Staff Writer

As the 2017 baseball season kicks into high gear, the O'Gorman varsity team is ready to do everything they can to cultivate success on the field.

The Knights kicked off their season on March 30 with a game against Dell Rapids. Dells got out to a quick 4-2 lead in the second inning, but the Knights took the lead with seven runs in the fifth on their way to a 12-4 opening day win. Quentin Evers contributed two RBI, as well as five strikeouts on the mound.

Their second game of the season did not go as well, as they were shut out 6-0 by cross-town rival Roosevelt. Senior Elliot Barnes said that Roosevelt is going to be a tough challenge throughout the season. "They have great hitters throughout the lineup and are very aggressive on the base paths," Barnes said. "The key to beating them is great pitching and a response on offense."

The team traveled out to Las Vegas for a tournament from

April 4-8, where they played two teams from Utah, Alta and Jordan, and the Bishop Gorman Knights, who are based in Las Vegas. They first beat their JV team 10-6, with Ryan Merrill collecting two hits and an RBI, and Louis Peterson hurling five innings with four strikeouts. The next day, they fell to their varsity team 14-7.

"Bishop Gorman was definitely our toughest opponent that we have played so far this season," said junior Jack Niedringhaus.

Other notable games have been their two separate double-headers against first Washington and then Harrisburg, which in both they split wins and losses. At press time, their record on the season is 5-6.

For the remainder of the season, Niedringhaus expressed how important it is for the team to play a more relaxed game. "Obviously, our main goal is to win the state championship," Niedringhaus said. "But I also think it's important for us to just have fun while we are playing, and that should lead to more overall success on the field."

Anderson named assistant principal

Caleb Impehoven
Staff Writer

On July 1, O'Gorman High School's current Academic Services Coordinator Alex Anderson will take up his new role as assistant principal. Anderson will be replacing Joan Mahoney as she moves into her new role as principal.

Anderson started his career at O'Gorman in 2011, after receiving his Bachelor's Degree

from USF in special education, history and coaching, and later his Master's in Elementary and Secondary Educational Administration at SDSU.

Anderson is grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve as the new assistant principal.

"I look forward to working with the students, teachers, and parents to build on the great history and traditions that have made O'Gorman so successful," said Anderson.



Alex Anderson



KNIGHT LEGEND

Junior Sam Sutcliffe high jumps at a track meet on April 18. The state track meet will be held May 26-27.

Track team sets sights on breaking records as season in full swing

Maria Lusardi
Staff Writer

The smell of fresh cut grass and warm gentle breezes signals more than just spring for O’Gorman High School. It signals the beginning of track season.

The team’s main goal remains constant throughout all their training: “Run, jump, or throw better,” said head track coach Aaron Strand.

With sights set on making the state track meet on May 26 and 27, prospects are looking good.

“We’re off to a great start. The kids have been working hard,” said Strand. “We’ve already had a lot of school records broken.”

Callie Dewitt has broken the school record for the 100 and 200 meter races as well as the long jump. The girls 4x100 re-

lay record has been broken by Elizabeth Kolb, Gozeila Bilal, Theresa Pujado, and Dewitt. The girls 4x200 relay record has also been broken by Kolb, Bilal, Sydney Venner, and Dewitt.

“We’ve started to see the team aspect develop in the relay races,” said Strand.

Athletes are going after other school records as well. Andrew Reuter has finished with the second all time fastest run for the 200 meter race and Tycho Clausen has made the fifth all time for pole vaulting.

Despite the team’s impressive accomplishments, the thing that holds them together the most is each other.

Senior distance runner Abby Ripperda said that what she enjoys about track are the people she is working with each day.



KNIGHT LEGEND

BIG FISH. Students take part in the musical *Big Fish*. The show was held April 25-29. Director Teresa Fester was pleased with the show. “It’s a balance of comedic and dramatic elements, fun characters and incredible dance numbers,” said Fester. “We also used video drops which has never been done before.” Senior Mercedes Arnett was satisfied with her final show as a tech crew member. “I am very thankful that I get to end [my career] with a wonderful production like *Big Fish*,” said Arnett.

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Senior bound for Hawaii to complete mission work

Max Stenson
Co-Editor

Taking a gap year before starting college can have many benefits, especially when that year involves teaching others about Jesus and doing community service.

That is what senior Anna Bear will be doing starting Sept. 29.

Bear is set to move to Kona, Hawaii, this fall and join the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) organization, which prides itself on sharing the Gospels with people throughout the world.

"I've always wanted to take a gap year since second grade," Bear said. "I had a friend who did [Youth With A Mission] and said it was amazing."

"The first three months are called the lecture phase, where they have speakers come who

teach us about the Gospels and how to share the Gospels," said Bear.

After the lecture phase is when participants get to go out and spread the good news of Jesus.

"The next three months are called outreach," Bear said. "We go to a different country and serve them and share Jesus with them."

Although Youth With A Mission has many different locations to choose from, Bear felt most comfortable with Hawaii.

"I was going to go to the New Zealand YWAM, but I felt more at peace about doing Hawaii rather than New Zealand," said Bear.

"I don't know what to expect but I really am just excited to grow spiritually in my relationship with Jesus and watch people be changed by Him," Bear said.



Anna Bear

What is your favorite high school memory?

- Taisya Gowlovech:
"Going to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life."
- Garrett Berens:
"Wrestling."
- Sebo Akoii:
"At the pep rally when Mr. Lebrun did a cartwheel."
- Isabelle Hedge:
"Locking Mr. V out of his room!"
- Carter Kosiak:
"Winning the state basketball championship."
- Kathryn Hammer:
"Costa Rica!"
- Emma Lubeck:
"Performing on stage in show choir."

What underclassman will you miss the most?

- Micah Spader:
"Tigh Hight. He is a master chef."
- Alicia Rentschler:
"I will miss my brother Jordan the most. It's been so cool to see him in the hall as well as share a class or two with him because we've never had that chance before."
- Raina Knapp:
"Amanda Meyer. We really bonded in color guard."
- Jake Meyer:
"Gabe Dally. We came up with some pretty cool dance moves during the soccer season."
- Ashlee Beacom:
"My baby brother Iman because he is my best friend."
- Preston Zimprich:
"Caleb Stork. He is related to Josh Stork."
- Max Stenson:
"Matthew Meyer. He's incredibly nice and funny."
- Anna Sullivan:
"Mattie Schreck. We have been friends for a long time and we have so many good memories together."
- Ben Gellerman:
"Nick Maxwell. He's easily the most charismatic and likeable person I've ever known."
- Nick McCoy:
"All of the band kids."

Seniors ready to continue playing sports in college

Nicolette Boyum
Co-Editor

Fifteen O'Gorman athletes will be continuing their chosen sports in college this fall. More than 12 schools will be attended, from the University of South Dakota to Dallas Baptist University, in Dallas, Tex.

Football - Both attending Minnesota State University in Moorhead are quarterback Hunter Thompson and linebacker/running back Sam Burnison. Adam Heap is heading off to Dakota State University, and to round off football, T.J. Schaefer will be going on to play at School of Mines.

Golf - Emily Olsen is the sole golf player to go on to play college sports. She will play for St. Benedict.

Track - Abby Ripperda and Andrew Reuter will be running for USD come fall. Gozeila Bilal, who will be traveling the furthest of all student athletes, is set to run for Dallas Baptist University.

Soccer - Olivia Surrell will go on to play for Presentation College. Isabelle Hedge will remain in Sioux Falls while playing for Augustana University. Theresa Pujado will be traveling to the University of Nebraska.

"I'm really excited," said Pujado. "I've don't remember a time I didn't play soccer so it's really cool



KNIGHT LEGEND

Senior Theresa Pujado dribbles the ball downfield against an opponent. Pujado will be playing soccer at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln this fall.

to be able to continue that into college."

Basketball - Matt Cartwright will continue his basketball career at Augustana University this fall. On the girls side, Abuk Akoii will

be attending SMSU and Ashlee Beacom is heading west to Black Hills State University.

Tennis- Samantha Czarnecki is heading off to Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo.

Who is your favorite teacher?

Kenley Cotter:
“Mrs. Odenbach. She was very good at explaining material throughout the year and was easy to talk to.”

Rylee Smith:
“Mr. Siska. He encourages my creativity and is super nice.”

Alex King:
“Mr. Stevens. He is the only teacher I know who would wake up at 5:00 a.m. every Saturday for his students. Mad respect.”

Abby Ripperda:
“Mr. Lindemann. His passion for math has inspired me.”

Rilie Curd:
“Mrs. Benson. She’s funny, admirable, supportive, and a very amazing teacher.”

Kendyl Kreber:
“Mr. Basche. He made English fun and I enjoyed the material he taught in class.”

Theresa Pujado:
“Ms. Richter. She’s a great teacher, and I still go in and talk to her. She’s the best.”

Senior most likely to...

- Be a Professional Athlete
- 1. Theresa Pujado
 - 2. Sebastian Akoï
 - 3. Abby Ripperda
 - 4. Isabelle Hedge
 - 5. Kendyl Kreber

- Have a Million Twitter Followers
- 1. Lauren Burton
 - 2. Sophie Holtz
 - 3. Anna Sullivan
 - 4. Theresa Pujado
 - 5. Danielle Boyum

- Travel the World
- 1. Anna Bear
 - 2. Anna Sullivan
 - 3. Ashlee Beacom
 - 4. Teresa Schnetter
 - 5. Alexis Baker

- Become President
- 1. Alex King
 - 2. Michael Sulaiman
 - 3. Hank Freese
 - 4. James Nelson
 - 5. Isaac Allen

- Discover Atlantis
- 1. Trudy Jones
 - 2. Sadie Swenson
 - 3. Anna Bear
 - 4. Rachael Workman
 - 5. Emily Olson

- Star on Broadway
- 1. Cassie Schoenhard
 - 2. Taylor Evans
 - 3. Rachael Workman
 - 4. Anna Bear
 - 5. Danielle Boyum

- Cure Cancer
- 1. Ally Byrd
 - 2. Kathryn Hammer
 - 3. Skyler Stencil
 - 4. Madeleine Nelson
 - 5. Hannah Olson

- Win an Oscar
- 1. Sam Billion
 - 2. Ben Gellerman
 - 3. Will Murphy
 - 4. Nick McCoy
 - 5. Caleb Humke

- Teach at O’Gorman
- 1. Meghan Mieras
 - 2. Fern Rice
 - 3. Teresa Schulte
 - 4. Abi Bell
 - 5. Rachael Kayser

- Become a CEO
- 1. Alex King
 - 2. Michael Sulaiman
 - 3. J.P. Costello
 - 4. Nick McCoy
 - 5. Preston Zimprich

Sullivan prepares to embark on yearlong journey abroad

Nicolette Boyum
Co-Editor

Come fall, the majority of the senior class will be moving into dorms on college campuses all across the United States, but Anna Sullivan will be packing her bags for a gap year in Germany. After visiting there last summer, she knew she wanted to travel the country before attending college.

“I chose Germany because I’ve already gotten a feel for the culture through GAPP,” said Sullivan. “I made a lot of friends there, so I thought it would be good to have a base of people I already know so I wouldn’t get too homesick.”

GAPP stands for the German American Partnership Program which is the largest bilateral student exchange program between the United States and Germany. She took part in GAPP last summer.

Sullivan will leave for Germany on June 23 and stay until early summer 2018. Once there, she will nanny for a family with four children.

“I help the children get ready for school, make them food and help them with their homework and English skills,” said Sullivan.

She will be referred to as an Au Pair which is a term used to describe a young woman who lives in another country and helps with housework and caring for children in exchange for room and board. Sullivan was set up with her host family through an online center for Au Pairs.

“When I applied to be an Au Pair, families across Germany messaged me, but I wanted to be somewhat near my friends, so I picked a family approximately an hour and a half away from them.”

She will be staying in Euskirchen, Hessen, Germany, a town of around 55,000 which is located near Frankfurt.

Sullivan says that she will be traveling in her free time while also taking a German class at a local school. She hopes to be fluent in German by the end of her gap year.



Anna Sullivan

Sullivan says that being away from family will be tough but through social media and Skype, she feels as though she can still connect with them halfway across the globe.

“I’m hoping to come home at least once. I want to come back for Christmas so I can visit all my friends and family over the holidays,” said Sullivan.

She says she is excited for the opportunity and looks forward to what is to come. “The food, mountains and old architecture are super amazing. Europe is a really cool place to be in.”

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How has your Catholic education impacted you?

Chase Norton:

"I often find myself choosing options that involve my faith. I'm involved in many faith activities."

Samantha Messier:

"It has given me a good faith foundation."

Jarrett Mescher:

"My faith has only grown, and it is awesome being able to share a faith with those around you."

William Murphy:

"I have grown as a Catholic and a person."

Morgan Bain:

"Christian service opportunities have changed my life."

Megan Fiegen:

"It has made me a stronger Catholic."

Luke Fleck:

"It taught me the love of Christ, and it showed me compassion."

Nelson set to tour globe as part of Up With People

Max Stenson
Co-Editor

For most students, post-high school plans involve going off to college, joining the military, or entering the workforce. For senior James Nelson, though, plans include travelling the world while serving others and performing music shows on stage through the Up With People organization.

Up With People is a program which "aims to bring the world together through service and music," according to their website.

And that is exactly what Nelson hopes to do.

"If you want to make a difference in the world, and don't know how, Up With People is an established program meant to do that," Nelson said.

Nelson first became interested in Up With People when they came to Sioux Falls and performed at O'Gorman when Nelson

was a freshman.

"They came freshman year, and I thought it was cool," Nelson said. "When they came back last year, it reignited my desire to travel."

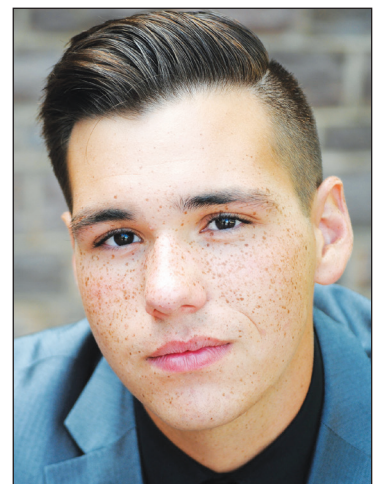
Travelling is a core aspect of the program.

"We will travel to the Northeast United States, spend four weeks in Mexico, three weeks in Germany, and one week in the Netherlands," Nelson said.

Attending the Up With People camp is another reason why Nelson wanted to join the program.

"Camp Up With people was a ton of fun," said Nelson. "Several of my camp Up With People friends will be in the same program, but no one else from O'Gorman will be in the program."

One unique aspect of travelling with Up With People is that the performers stay with host families rather than at ho-



James Nelson

tels. This promotes the concept of immersing oneself in a certain culture.

"I'm excited to meet new people and experience different cultures," said Nelson. "You gain an appreciation for cultures by living in the culture."

Nelson will be on tour with Up With People from late July to mid-December.

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Seniors set to pursue arts in college

Madeline Nguyen
Staff Writer

Mary Rogers

Senior Mary Rogers is taking her dancing skills to the State University of New York this upcoming fall. She will be pursuing a BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts degree) in modern dance. This means that Rogers will be taking dance classes for a majority of the day as a BFA is an extremely prestigious degree.

Rogers found her love for dance at a very young age. “I started dancing when I was four at a dance gallery,” said Rogers. Because she started at such a young age, Rogers has been able to continuously work on her dance. Through so many years of experience, she has received an outstanding opportunity to take her dance to the next level.

Rogers’ history in dance is unconventional compared to most. “The style of dance I’m going into is much different than team dancing,” said Rogers. Because style of

dance is not like that of the competitive dance team at O’Gorman, she never actually danced for them but rather worked on her own dance at the studio where she spent most of her time practicing.

After college, Rogers has great plans for her future. “My end goal is to perform on a traveling company,” said Rogers.

Rogers’ advice for underclassmen pursuing dance: “It’s very important to stay driven and motivated.”

Cassie Schoenhard

O’Gorman has had a long history of talent in theatre, and senior Cassie Schoenhard has largely contributed to it. She will be going to the University of South Dakota next fall to pursue a major in Musical Theatre and hopes eventually to earn a Bachelor’s degree in the Fine Arts.

“Theatre has made me realize how much of an impact you can make on someone else’s life. Like music, it unites people,” said

Schoenhard.

O’Gorman was where Schoenhard found her love for theatre. “I’ve always just been a little weird and when I got to high school I realized that theatre was a big part of expressing that,” she said.

O’Gorman has also prepared her for her future in theatre. “I’ve been in shows that allow me to make bonds with my cast mates, but also push me in ways I never thought possible. I’ve stayed long nights, ran shows over and over again, and have been trained with professionalism from my awesome directors.”

Ms. Teresa Fester has played a key role in her work as an actress. “Fester has allowed me to blossom into a performer with confidence and dignity. I’m very grateful,” said Schoenhard.

Although she’s majoring in it in college, she’s very open-ended with her future. “I’ve always been interested in leading roles. It’s wonderful to push yourself to do roles you never thought you

could and see where your abilities are,” said Schoenhard. “Being a performer would be amazing but I’m open to many things.”

Sadie Swenson

Senior Sadie Swenson will be bringing her talents to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago this upcoming fall as a four year student. She plans on studying ceramics, painting and textiles and eventually hopes to work in her own studio and gallery.

Swenson found her desire to pursue art in her obsession with creating things.

“My grandma is an art teacher and always gave me art supplies,” said Swenson. “Art is the one thing I’ve never gotten bored of, so I’m sure I will always love creating art.”

She found the opportunities she needed to advance her art skills at O’Gorman. “O’Gorman offered me great opportunities to learn about art, said Swenson. “I’m so thankful I had Mr. Siska as my teacher. All seven of his

classes have been amazing and taught me something new.” She also found that costuming taught her practical skills such as sewing and dyeing fabrics, eventually leading to her appreciation for textiles.

Swenson has also had the opportunity to take her skills beyond O’Gorman. “The summer going into my junior year, I had an amazing opportunity to go to an art camp in Savannah, Georgia,” said Swenson. “The people I met there have been so inspiring and encouraging. Without their support I never would have had the necessary confidence in my abilities that art school requires.”

Swenson has advice for younger students: “If you are interested in art school, make sure you start making your portfolio a long ways in advance. I left mine to the last six weeks and it’s the busiest I’ve ever been. I spent every waking moment making my pieces (even while I was in school, sorry Mr. Keppen).”

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